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**ARIZONA HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**APRIL 6, 2000 MEETING**

**Department of Library, Archives and Public Records  
1700 W. Washington, Suite 200  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

The Arizona Historical Advisory Commission (AHAC) met at 1:00 p.m. on April 6, 2000 at Department of Library, Archives and Public Records, 1700 W. Washington, Suite 200, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members**

James E. Ayres, Citizen/Historic Preservation Consultant  
Tucson, Pima County  
LeRoy Brady, Manager,  
Roadside Development, Department of Transportation  
Brad Cole, Curator of Manuscripts, Cline Library/  
Historic Preservation Consultant, Northern Arizona  
University, Flagstaff, Coconino County  
Jim Garrison, State Historic Preservation Officer  
State Historic Preservation Office, Arizona State Parks  
George Gumerman, Director, **Statutory Member**  
Arizona State Museum  
Joel Hiller, Interim Executive Director, **Statutory Member**  
Arizona Historical Society  
Ken Rozen, Manager  
Natural Resources, State Land Department  
Don Ryden  
Ryden Architects  
Jannelle Warren-Findley, Director, **Chair**  
Public History Program, Arizona State University  
GladysAnn Wells, Director, **Ex-Officio Secretary**  
Department of Library, Archives and Public  
Records

**Also Attending**

Michael Carman, Division Director, Museum Division  
Department of Library, Archives and Public  
Records  
Reba Grandrud, Division Director  
Central Arizona Division, Arizona Historical Society  
David Hooper, State Archivist and Division Director, History and Archives  
Division, Department of Library, Archives and Public  
Records  
John Madsen, Archaeology Division  
Arizona State Museum

**ABSENT**

**Members**

Shelley Cohn, Executive Director  
Arizona Commission on the Arts  
Edgar Perry, Cultural Specialist  
White Mountain Apache Tribe  
Kenneth Travous, Director, **Statutory Member**  
Arizona State Parks

**Also Absent**

Tim Norton, Chair  
Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names

**Call to order 1:00 p.m.**

Chair designate Jim Ayres called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

**Introductions and announcements**

**Approval of January 6, 2000 meeting minutes**

Dr. Gumerman noted that the Director of the Arizona State Museum should be identified in the attendance list as a statutory member. The minutes were approved with that correction.

**Committee Reports**

**Historic Sites Review Committee (HSRC)**

Jim Garrison distributed the Committee report and reviewed recent nominations to the National Register.

**TEA-21 (Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century) Committee**

Le Roy Brady distributed a report on Transportation Enhancement projects that were announced in January. Jim Ayres agreed to represent AHAC on the review Committee this year.

**Subcommittee Reports**

**Objective #1: Develop recommendations for enhancing Arizona history public school curriculum**

Brad Cole reported that the State Board of Education had adopted the social studies standards. He distributed information about them from the Department of Education's web site.

A discussion of history in the school curriculum and its broader application by historical societies, museums and libraries followed.

The Commission thanked the subcommittee for its work and agreed to dissolve it. It asked members of the disbanded group to evaluate a charge that could be given to a subsequent education subcommittee. Jann Warren-Findlay and others suggested that AHAC consider necessary resources, e.g., a staff person from the State Library, student involvement from the ASU Public History Program and interagency collaboration. Cole will follow up.

**Objective #2: Review existing state preservation statutes for consistency and organizational effectiveness, and if warranted, develop recommendations for improving the efficiency of their administration. Coordinate the development of one set of simplified interagency standards for recording and reporting cultural resources in collaboration with other state agencies, commissions, and the professional consulting community.**

Garrison reported that the Committee had not met, awaiting discussion of the future of AHAC later in the meeting.

Gumerman stated that during his tenure as Director of the State Museum, he has offered to the SHPO and the Land Commissioner his cooperation to streamline and simplify the permitting process. The Land Department has been dissatisfied with the State Museum's actions. Given this history, he pledged that the State Museum would continue efforts to meet its responsibilities, and will keep the Commission apprised of progress.

Ken Rozen responded by saying that he will convey this statement to Mr. Anable, the Land Commissioner. He also distributed the Mr. Anable's response to the report from the Governor's Office of Excellence in Government.

**Objective #3: Assist the Department of Library, Archives and Public Records (DLAPR) in reviewing state and local agencies' records management programs under A.R.S. §41-1346 and 41-1347, and if warranted, collaborate with DLAPR and the agencies to develop ways of reducing the loss of records that may assume historical value in the future.**

Hoover reported for Chair June Porter on the subcommittee's January 27 meeting. The group discussed the need for additional support for archives and records management field services; local advocacy for government records; microfilming services for local governments; and representation of historians in records scheduling.

Commission members inquired about the records scheduling process and Archives' space limitations.

### **Discussion on the record of the Commission**

By consensus the group agreed to omit board and commission reports and move directly to discussion of the record of the Commission.

Members offered questions and observations to be addressed at the next meeting. They are summarized below.

1. AHAC should evaluate its legislative mandate in A.R.S.41-1352. Do members still feel it is appropriate? If the answer is no, what structures can be used to effect changes? Where are the overlaps between AHAC members' interests and the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records' responsibilities?
2. What is AHAC's legislative agenda? How should it be implemented? How can it advise the Legislature?
3. What is the relationship among AHAC and other organizations, e.g., the Legislative Consortium for History in Arizona (LeCHA)?

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4. What role does it have in overseeing the administration of history in Arizona?
5. How can we act collectively to ensure a return on the investment of members' time?
6. What contributions can AHAC make to agencies' programs?
7. How has the pattern of membership and attendance evolved? Does the delegation of representation reflect how members value the organization?
8. Should chairs/members from complementary organizations be invited to the next meeting to get their perspectives? (It was agreed that this might be appropriate at a later time.
9. AHAC has never had a budget or a dedicated staff person to assist it.

### **Closing Comments**

Wells said that the State Library participates in and supports several activities such as the Arizona Convocations, LeCHA and the Coordinating Committee for History in Arizona. AHAC should be in the middle of them. There is an overlap of interests between the Commission and the State Library. If there is a way to build to them, she said she will be happy to continue to host AHAC. The State Library works with libraries, archives and museums and can be a conduit between them and AHAC. Wells hoped that the Commission would now develop a solid plan of action. The State Library can then be a conduit to place the plan before the Library Board.

The next meeting will consist of a review of the Commission's record and the items listed above. It will be conducted by an outside facilitator.

### **Future meeting date**

The Chair stated that the next meeting would be May 19, 2000 at the Arizona Hall of Fame Museum. Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm, with the meeting beginning at 1 pm.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

David Hooper  
State Archivist